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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DELIVERING
A STENT INTO A BODY LUMEN

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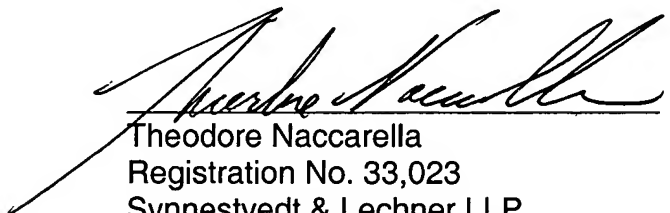
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS DATED DECEMBER 9, 2003

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 9, 2003, Applicant
elects method claims 1-18.

Respectfully submitted,

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